## **Public meetings scheduled on bridge Draft EIS**By KDN Staff

The draft environmental impact statement for the proposed bridge project between Ketchikan and Gravina Island will be the subject of public meetings in Ketchikan next week at the Cape Fox Lodge.

The draft document, along with maps and models of project alternatives, will be available at an open house event from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 16, according to the Alaska Department of Transportation and consultant HDR Alaska. Project staff members will be available to answer questions.

Public hearings will occur on Sept. 17 and 18, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., for individuals or groups to put their comments on the record.

Open house sessions also are scheduled on those days, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

More information about the project is available at www.gravina-access.com or by calling Project Manager Reuben Yost at DOT's Southeast Region office in Juneau. Copies of the draft EIS are now available at the Ketchikan Public Library, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Department and the Gravina Access Project office at 430 Dock St.